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ABSTRACT

This document contains two issues of a monthly newsletter which examines cultural, political, educational, and religious activities of American Jews. The objective of the newsletters is to provide a network of national information to Jews and other interested persons about resources, individuals, associations, activities, events, and concerns relevant to American Jewish life. Topics discussed in the October 1978 issue include announcement of a book listing American companies who do business with Arab nations, a field trip to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, problems of Russian immigrants, academic programs for American Jewish students in Israel, B'nai Brith philanthropic activities, the relationship between science and Judaism, and human relations materials produced by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith for schools, churches, and community organizations. The November 1978 issue discusses holocaust resource materials, Jewish art, publication activities of the Jewish Women's Resource Center in New York, book announcements, and descriptions of films for religious education. Each issue concludes with a directory of organizations involved in American Jewish religious activities and/or education. (DB)

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PETRO IMPACT...is a newsletter published by the American Jewish Committee. It reports on growing Arab involvement in American affairs, its impact and threat to our freedoms. In its second issue, PETRO IMPACT presented the names of American companies, bankers, corporation executives and public relations practitioners who are doing business in millions and sometimes billions of dollars with or for the Arabs. PETRO IMPACT is available at 50¢ a copy from the American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56th Street, New York, New York 10022.

THE ISRAEL FUN BOOK...includes 30 activities whose purpose is to introduce the knowledge of Israel to the younger child in a playful way. The book can be utilized by an individual child or in a classroom setting, or both. The book includes material on famous names, places and faces in Israel, as well as Hebrew, maps and holidays. Its format includes such things as crossword puzzles, fill-ins, coloring, and word games. It is available from the Publications Dept., of the World Zionist Organization, 515 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022 for $2.00 per copy (up to 25 copies).

Also available from the World Zionist Organization is the 13th edition of the annual "A Guide to Israel Programs". It lists almost 200 programs ranging in scope from 3-week study tours to 6-month work programs and additional one and two year high school and university courses. There are also extended Yeshiva study opportunities. Individual copies are available for 50¢ from the Publications Dept., WZO, American Section, 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

FIELD TRIP FOR THE MIDWEST...The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, founded in 1875, is the oldest institution of Jewish higher learning in North America. It trains men and women for careers as Reform rabbis and cantors, educators and communal leaders, and offers undergraduate study for teachers, communal workers and scholars. Students and academicians of all faiths and nationalities use the college's extensive resources at the Cincinnati campus which include the American Jewish Archives, the Klau Library, the Dalsheimer Rare Book Bldg., and the Gallery of Jewish Art and Artifacts. Campus tours are available for youth groups and adult groups. Guided tours of their exhibit of Biblical Archeology and Jewish Ceremonial Art include 2000 year-old oil lamps, jewelry and pottery, as well as marriage crowns, spice boxes and Sabbath lamps from countries around the world. These artifacts trace the development of Judaism, its history and culture, through the aesthetic treasures of the Jewish people. Student speakers can also come to speak to your organizations or synagogue for a nominal fee. If you live near Cincinnati, or if you're planning a trip to that region, make it a point to visit. For more information, contact the Office of Community Services at the Hebrew Union College, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

NOSTROVYA...The Russian Language Publications Division of the Al Tidom Association has published "Blessings and Prayers in Russian Translation and Transliteration". This booklet was prepared to meet the needs of Russian Jews, especially recent immigrants to this country. It contains frequently used blessings, key prayers, grace after meals and a separate section of blessings for children in the original, in translation and with a transliteration tailored to the nuances of Russian pronunciation. This booklet is the newest in a series of Russian-Hebrew books and booklets made available free of charge by the Al Tidom Ass'n., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019. If you know recent Russian immigrants, get them their copy!

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AT LONG LAST!...In December 1974 we reminded OPTIONS readers of a marvelous Chanukkah book, called *My Glorious Brothers* by Howard Fast. It has been out of print for years, but certainly well worth reading. Bonim Books has issued a paperback edition of this marvelous story. *My Glorious Brothers* is the story of the Maccabee brothers and their conflicts with the world, with the Jews, with each other. The rededication of the Temple which we celebrate was brought about at high cost. It is an absorbing book and would make an excellent gift or addition to your personal library. It is available from Bonim Books, Hebrew Publishing Company, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011. This is not just a "Jewish Book". It's for everyone!

IN ISRAEL & IN ZION...The America-Israel Secondary School Program at the Huleh Valley Regional High School at Kfar Blum in Israel is sponsored by the Dept. of Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization. The students are "adopted" by kibbutz families which provide them with a place to visit and a friendly family to be with. The American and Canadian students live in comfortable, modern quarters alongside the kibbutz youth. The program is aimed at the tenth grade, and includes work on the kibbutz, as well. Extra curricular activities include the standard fare found at most American high schools, as well as field trips and excursions around Israel. Most students receive generous credits in their home high schools for their work in Israel. The program is open to students preparing to enter 10th grade who have a better than average scholastic standing, who are healthy, and have at least a minimal Jewish education and an interest in Israel. If you are interested in this year-long program, contact the America-Israel Secondary School Program, Inc., 515 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Let your public school guidance counselors know of this program, too!

ABOUT THE SOVIET JEWS...Several items are available from different sources. A poem called "The Woman I Love" by Felix Kandel is dedicated to Ida Nudel, the "guardian angel" of the Prisoners of Conscience. Kandel is known as the "poet laureate" of Russia's Jewish emigration movement. For those who like to keep up with repression, oppression and depression in the Soviet Union, a 14 page booklet called, "The Goldstein Papers" documents Dr. Grigory Goldstein's "parasitism" trial of last March. These two items are available from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, 200 West 72nd St., Suites 30-31, New York, NY 10023. Also available from them are updated Prisoner of Conscience and Hebrew teacher lists.

The Jewish Community Information Council has made available free copies of the "Next Year in Jerusalem" message made by Russian Jewish activist Anatoly B. Scharansky before he was sentenced in Moscow. To receive a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Scharansky Statement, POB 11, Lawrence, New York 11559. Copies of the statement will be sent out on a first-asked-first-sent basis.

FOR YOUR HEALTH PROGRAM...In the Feb. '77 issue of OPTIONS, we discussed the Leo N. Levi Arthritis Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There are two slide or film programs available, free of charge, for your use at a meeting of your organization, an *oneg shabbat*, etc. The *Story of Leo N. Levi Hospital* is a carousel and cassette recording, 14 minute color slide-sound program telling about the Hospital. *Hope For Tomorrow* is a 21 minute, 16 mm color sound film starring Melvyn Douglas. It gives a tour of the hospital showing the clinical, educational, therapeutic and patient service aspects of these facilities. At the conclusion there is a pitch for contributions. The Leo N. Levi Arthritis Hospital is a B'nai Brith Supported hospital, open to all, regardless of race, color or creed. Write the Leo N. Levi National Arthritis Hospital, 300 Prospect Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901.

SIGNS OF ISRAEL...Care to decorate your walls? A package of 10 typical bilingual road and street signs is available from Decalogue Books, 7 North MacQuestern Pkwy, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. They cost $5.95 (or $5.45 if two or more sets are ordered) plus 75¢ shipping (25¢ apiece for additional sets). Ask them for an order form!

SCIENCE AND JUDAISM...The relationship between science and Judaism is explored in a new book by noted author Tina Levitan, called *Viewpoints on Science and Judaism*, published by the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York. The book brings together the thoughts of 26 distinguished philosophers and scientists from many different fields of natural and physical science. The book postulates that scientific facts do not conflict with the traditional teachings of Judaism, and that the faith which binds Jews together has not been harmed by the advances made in science. The book examines such basic themes as creation, the age of the earth, evolution, the Sabbath, Jewish observance, the free will doctrine, and ethics. Written in clear, non-technical language, *Viewpoints on Science and Judaism* contains thought-provoking concepts, and reveals how our world of scientific preoccupation needs now, as ever before, the message that the Torah offers. The book is profusely illustrated and is available at a cost of $5.95. For more information contact Frada Harel at the BJE Press, BJE of Greater New York, 426 W. 58th St., NY, NY 10019.

ON AND ABOUT CULTS...A new "Jews for Jews" Newsletter will be published with accurate, up-to-date information on how to fight the determined efforts of various missionary groups who seek converts from among the Jewish community. The newsletter, which will be distributed free, is being issued by the Jewish Community Information Council. Copies can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Newsletter, POB 11, Lawrence, New York 11559. The newsletter is being published to serve as a guide for those who seek advice and help on how to overcome the temptations that are put forth by many of the missionary groups. It will also list the names of new missionary groups and delineate the subterfuges they use in trying to reach and influence Jewish people. It will also give actual encounters with these groups and how to be wary of the traps they set.

The American Jewish Congress has received a promise from the Unification Church (Rev. Moon, et.al.) that it will respond to any inquiries from parents concerning children in the movement. Parents whose children have joined this group can direct their inquiries to Mr. Julius Schatz at the American Jewish Congress, 15 E. 84th St., NY, NY 10028.

A 70 page, 16 week curriculum outline for use by teachers in the upper grades of Jewish religious schools has been published by the Dept. of Interreligious Affairs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Called "Missionary and Cult Movements", it is seen as a tool to combat the religious missionary efforts of Jewish-Christian groups. The curriculum program includes lessons to outline the similarities and differences of Judaism and Christianity, newspaper reprints, specific information on various cults and suggestions for meeting with and observation of Jewish-Christian groups. For information, write the UAHC, Dept. of Interreligious Affairs, 838 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10021.

FOR HUMAN RELATIONS..."Human Relations Materials for the School, Church and Community", a 64 page catalogue of printed and audio-visual resources, is being offered free of charge by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith. The illustrated volume lists the widest selection of films, filmstrips, tapes, books, pamphlets, teaching materials and discussion guides available from a single source. Classified according to subject areas, the catalogue includes topics on prejudice, discrimination, minority group studies, extremism and politics, anti-Semitism, Jews, Judaism, Israel, Jewish-Christian relations, and the Holocaust. One section is devoted exclusively to teaching strategies and related materials. Indexed by subject and title, the catalogue contains short synopses and recommended use of the materials. Requests for the catalogue should be addressed to Program Div., Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith, 315 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY 10016.

ADAM WAS A CONSERVATIONIST...U.S. Companies which are presently engaged in the killing of dolphins are listed, with names and addresses, in a compilation available from the Greenpeace Foundation, 860 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. If you want to direct your energies to the saving of these helpful friends, write for the list and join in their boycott.

. . . *READY REFERENCE* . . .

AL TIDOM ASS'N., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10019

AMERICA-ISRAEL SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM, Inc., 515 Park Ave., NY, NY 10022

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, 165 E. 56th St., New York, NY 10022

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, Mr. Julius Schatz, 15 E. 84th St., NY, NY 10028

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI BRITH, 315 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10016

BD. OF JEWISH ED. OF GREATER NY, BJE Press, Frada Harel, 426 W. 58th St., New York, New York 10019

BONIM BOOKS, Hebrew Publishing Co., 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011

DECALOGUE BOOKS, 7 North MacQuestern Pkwy., Mount Vernon, NY 10550

RABBI RUBIN R. DOBIN (Newsletter or Scharansky Statement), POB 11, Lawrence, New York, 11559

GREENPEACE FOUNDATION, 860 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, Office of Community Services, 3101 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

LEO N. LEVI NAT'L ARTHRITIS HOSPITAL, 300 Prospect St., Hot Springs, AR 71901

MERRELL ENTERPRISES, Mr. Jesse H. Merrell, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005

SSSJ (Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry), 200 West 72nd St., Suites 30-31, NY,NY 10023

UAHC (Union of American Hebrew Congregations), Dept. of Interreligious Affairs, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021

WZO (World Zionist Organization), Publications Dept., American Section, 515 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022

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GUARANTEEING THE FIRST AMENDMENT...Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Religion sometimes go hand in hand. The Jim Merrell Religious Liberty Memorial Award is given for the best newspaper writings in a given year which defend and promote religious freedom. An additional category, editorial cartoons, is also available for award recognition. If your local newspaper has editorially addressed the questions of religious freedom, perhaps they should be entered for next year's award. For full contest details, write to Merrell Enterprises, Mr. Jesse H. Merrell, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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THE HORRORS OF THE HOLOCAUST...It is often difficult--for many it is impossible-- to explain the horrors of the Holocaust to young people who have no memory of these events. The Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York has prepared a series of special Holocaust Resource Materials to help teachers and parents explain the facts of this tragic period in Jewish and world history. "We Who Survive", for ages 12 and up, is an innovative audio drama in two parts. It focuses on the story of two young Jews trapped in Nazi-occupied Europe, their confrontation with the critical issues of Jewish survival, and passive vs. armed resistance. Part II takes listeners to Israel several years later, to consider the impact of the Holocaust on the lives of these youngsters, and on the future of the Jewish people. "We Who Survive" is available with cassette, guide and script, packaged in a vinyl folder for $8.50.

The sound filmstrip "Resistance" documents the courageous deeds of partisan and ghetto fighters in Central Eastern Europe through historical photographs, detailed maps and other original materials from the YIVO archives. "Resistance" includes filmstrip, narration cassette, full script, and a detailed activity guide. It is available for $15.

"The Shtetl - Soul of a People" is a folio album of drawings by noted Jewish artist Ezekiel Schloss. It creates a panorama of Jewish life and culture in the small towns of Europe before the devastation of the Holocaust. Printed in rich duotones, the pictures are suitable for framing, and form an interesting display for a classroom, home or library. It is available as a set of 22 pictures for $6.00.

The book *Young Moshe's Diary* was written by Moshe Flinker, who died in Auschwitz, leaving behind this profound testament to his intellectual maturity and perception in dealing with disturbing moral dilemmas. A devoutly Orthodox Jew, the 16 year old Moshe confronted the eternal problem of reconciling Jewish suffering with Divine Justice. His deep faith and identification with the afflictions of his fellow Jews are reflected in his poetic writings, which portray a rare passion and commitment to God and Israel. The book is available at a cost of $4.50.

Send your orders to The BJE of Greater New York, Frada Harel, Dept. of Marketing Services, 426 W. 58th St., New York, New York 10019.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST...If you are or know someone who is a former member of B'nai Brith Girls, B'nai Brith Women wants you! BBW is conducting Operation Search to locate former BBG's to include and honor them in joint community celebrations of the 50th anniversary of BBG to take place across the country in the spring. If you are a former BBG or know of one, contact B'nai Brith Women and indicate if you are willing to participate in or help plan a community anniversary event. List your current name, maiden name, name and city of of your former BBG chapter and the years you belonged to BBGs. Write to B'nai Brith Women, Celebration, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR WOMEN...The Jewish Women's Resource Center is looking for manuscripts, dissertations, films, articles, studies and other materials relating to the lives of Jewish women. The material will be housed at the Moses Crystal Memorial Reference Collection of the 92nd Street "Y" in New York City. All material must include the author's name, address and date, and can be sent to the Jewish Women's Resource Center, Nina Beth Cardin, 92nd St. YM/YWHA Library, 92nd Street & Lexington Ave., New York, New York 10028.

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ON THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL...Several publications may be of interest to OPTIONS readers , available from The B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations. *Jewish Identity Games: A How to Do It Book*, by Richard J. Israel is a lively collection of exercises designed to help Jewish groups explore and discuss aspects of their Jewishness in public settings. Among the themes treated are: male and female in the Jewish community; readying oneself spiritually for the Days of Awe; Training leaders for Hillel and other Jewish organizations; choosing priorities for charity; and the helping relationship. It is available for $3.95 (prepaid) from Hillel.

The College Guide for Jewish Youth: 1978-79 Edition is the sixth edition of a comprehensive guide to young Jewish men and women about to embark on their college careers. It is a useful reference for parents, teachers and guidance counselors who may be called upon to assist students in choosing an appropriate college. It is available from Hillel for $6.95, prepaid. You might take the initiative to see that a copy is available to public school teachers and guidance counselors!

Two free books include *The Holocaust: Commemoration, Teaching and Interpretation in the Campus Setting*. It describes ten years of educational endeavor on the subject of the Holocaust, including many models of effective campus programming under Hillel auspices. *Guide to Kosher Facilities on Campus* lists opportunities to observe *kashruth* at all schools served by the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations, and includes a guide for obtaining kosher food products.

God in Search of Himself: A Passage of Respect for the Six Million, is a dramatic reading for 17 participants drawing upon the literature of the Holocaust and expressing questions engendered by serious encounters with the Holocaust. It sells for $1.00 from Hillel.

Night Words: A Midrash on the Holocaust is a dramatic reading for 36 participants evoking powerful images of the Holocaust through literary selections from Biblical to modern times. It sells for $1.00 per copy; 75¢ for 20 or more. From Hillel.

The Holocaust: Commemoration, Teaching and Interpretation in the Campus Setting, is an overview of ten years of educational endeavors on the subject of the Holocaust, including models of effective programming. No charge for single copies.

For the above books, send your check to B'nai Brith Hillel Foundations, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

KNOW YOUR ENEMIES...An investigation of Nazi organizations in the US, released by the ADL of B'nai Brith discloses a membership of no more than 1000-1200. But by its creation of media events -- visible, boisterous and frequently violent -- the groups project an impression of strength far out of proportion to their numbers. Similarly, the Ku Klux Klan organizations have a total membership of about 8000. Two booklets from the "Facts" series are available discussing these organizations. You may find them of great use as background information, as well as a way to keep these threatening groups in perspective of America 1978. You may send for copies of "THE KU KLUX KLAN; 1978" and "THE US NEO-NAZI MOVEMENT; 1978" to the Anti-Defamation League, 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

WHEN I WAS A GIRL...More than 600 people, including many of America's most prominent Jewish scholars, jurists, entertainers and civic leaders, have recorded their personal memoirs for the American Jewish Committee's William E. Wiener History Library. A "Catalogue of Memoirs", listing the names of those who have recorded their personal biographies for the library, together with thumbnail sketches of what they talked about is available at $2.50 a copy from the American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56th Street, New York, NY 10022. Note that not all of the interviews are available to the public, and the catalogue delineates which are and which aren't.

A STORM OF STRANGERS...is a series of short films from MacMillan Films. Herschel Bernardi narrates JEWISH AMERICAN. Speaking as an old man who has seen it all, he invites the audience in for a "glass tea" and tells of the Jewish experience in America. There are classic photographs of Hester Street and the Lower East Side. It is a 26 minute, color film. It sells for $175 or can be rented for $20. For details, write MacMillan Films, 34 MacQuesten Pkwy.S., Mt. Vernon, New York 10550. A film guide by Andrew Greeley of the Center for the Study of American Pluralism is available with purchase or rental of the film, along with a 16-page Handbook entitled, HOW TO FIND YOUR ROOTS. This film series was reviewed in *Mass Media Newsletter*.

An additional item which can be used along with your ethnic programming is a genealogy chart. They may be purchased from the Sales shop of the New York Public Library, 5th Avenue and 42nd St., New York, New York 10018. An 8½" x 11" chart lists husband/wife/children and costs 50¢ for 6. A 17" x 11" chart includes 4 generations and sells 50¢ for 3.

RASHI, MY RASHI...The Rashi Association directs its efforts at frustrating Hitler's drive to eliminate all traces of Jewish life from the German speaking areas of Europe. They seek out buildings which were centers of Jewish life, even though now they may be used for other purposes. Memorial placques are installed; photographic records are maintained. Wherever possible, they try to preserve and reconstruct buildings and re-establish museum collections of Jewish and general significance. A major effort at the current time is directed at the City of Worms, home of The Rashi Synagogue, the Lehrhaus, and the oldest Jewish cemetery in Europe. The Rashi Association is convinced that visible signs of Jewish continuity will be of a major psychological and educational impact. Gentiles in Germany, as well as in other countries, will come to understand that Jewish history is part of their country's history and Jews will regain a consciousness of their past and thereby strengthen their minds in the battle for survival. Many Jewish leaders have lent their support to The Rashi Association. If you would like to aid in the rebuilding of Jewish Europe, write them for more information or make your donation to The Rashi Association, 165 E. 56th Street, New York, New York 10022.

CALL TO CELEBRATION..."This We Can Believe: A Pluralistic Vision" is the theme of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Religious Education Association. Their convention will take place in Chicago on November 19-21,1978. Among the wide variety of conferences and seminars and lectures which will take place, a seminar on "The Holocaust and Israel" is being offered. If you would like to attend, contact The Religious Education Association, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510 to see if space is still available. Registration for non-members is $55.

FILMS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...is the title of a catalog from the Audio Visual Services Dept. of Kent State University. The catalog lists over 200 films for use in religious institutions within the following categories: Aged, The Bible, Death, Divorce, Drugs, Family, Friendship, Human Relations, Israel, Jews, Marriage, Personal Guidance, Prejudice, Religion, Women, Youth. In addition, there are two special sections at the back of the catalog that list 15 feature length films and 9 films based on American short stories. Films such as "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman", "Brian's Song", and "Larry" present outstanding performances and themes with a message. A free copy of the catalog may be requested from Films for Religious Education, Audio Visual Services, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242.

HAYM WHO?...At the beginning of the year, Rep. Stephen J. Solarz of New York introduced H.R. 860 which calls for the designation of January 6th as Haym Salomon Day in the US. Haym Salomon displayed great personal commitment to the Revolution, keeping the continental Army supplied, armed and financed. In order to make such a resolution possible, 219 Congressmen must agree to co-sponsor such a measure. If you would like to see a day set aside to honor this great Jew and patriot, write your Congressman today!

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JEWISH WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER, Nina Beth Cardin, 92nd St. YM/YWHA Library, 92nd St. and Lexington Ave., New York, New York 10028

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, Films for Religious Education, Audio Visual Services, Kent, Ohio 44242

MACMILLAN FILMS, 34 MacQuesten Pkwy, So., Mt. Vernon, New York 10550

MASS MEDIA MINISTRIES, 2116 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, Sales Shop, 5th Avenue & 42nd St., New York, NY 10018

THE RASHI ASS'N, 165 E. 56th Street, New York, New York 10022

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASS'N, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06510

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WHY?...Why do we kill? Why does inhumanity exist alongside art and creativity and compassion? WHY?, a 25-minute color film, is a narrative of the Holocaust based on a series of paintings by Gert Jacobson. Through the use of painted images, music, sculpture and newsreel stills, the nameless millions of Jews are almost brought back to life to challenge us with this question. WHY? begins with history, the beginning of time, when creation is good and when man is given dominion over things. This film goes on to distill the character of the Jewish people up to the 1930's, when the economic tumult and the build-up of the Nazi war machine systematically sought to destroy us. The music and tone are ominous, wrought through with Hebrew chants and yearning songs that cover cries of horror against man and all his gods. The film does not give an answer or a way out of this probing question, nor is that its intent. WHY? is recommended for Sr. High School and adult viewers in programs on violence, religion, ethics, culture, minorities, history, art and Hebrew studies. It was produced by the San Antonio Council of Churches based on a series of paintings called "The Holocaust from Dachau to Munich". It's 16mm, 25 min., color and can be rented from Mass Media Ministries, 2116 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218 for $30. It may be purchased for $300.

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